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F. G. MILLER STUDENT Rhianna Bjorkman charges up the hill at Ross Lake in her first of two laps in the Intermediate division of Cross-Country Zones, her second lap bringing her a ninth place finish and a spot in Provincials in Medicine Hat.

Vicki Brooker photo

Regional, FGM take XC zone banners

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

St. Paul Regional High School and F. G. Miller athletes took home two of this year's Northeast Alberta Schools' Athletic Association Zone banners in cross country running, following strong performances at Ross Lake on Oct. 9.

A long list of local athletes will also be continuing to take part in the cross country season, as the top 18 will be attending provincials. Provincials will take place at Echo Dale Regional Park, located near Medicine Hat on Oct. 19. Eagle Butte High School located in Dunmore, is this year's host school.

St. Paul Regional won the 3A banner with 1951 points, besting J. A. Williams out of Lac La Biche, who finished with 784 point, and Cold Lake High School coming in third place with 522 points.

"We took 34 students to zones at Ross Lake," said Coach Hank Smid. "We had two medallists, including Shawn Lysons in PARA and Denver Graling in intermediate girls."

"Many of our athletes had quicker Zone times than SPAA, as the competition was greater and the finish times reflected that," said Smid. "We have now won the NEASAA Zone 3A Championship for 18 years in a row. We are very pleased that we have a student body that values this sport and come out and train for this sport," said Smid.

In total, Regional has 19 students who have qualified for provincials next Saturday in Medicine Hat, and there are a couple of students who are on the bubble, so if someone drops out from the top 18, those athletes may be able to fill that vacancy.

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Municipalities encouraged to focus on tourism

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Review Contributor

Linda Sallstrom, executive director with the St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce, and Marianne Janke of Alberta's Lakeland DMO, spoke with both the Town of St. Paul and County of St. Paul last week during regular council meetings, chatting about what they believe is an opportunity for the St. Paul area to diversify its economy and expand on tourism.

"Why tourism?" asked Sallstrom, as she spoke to Town of St. Paul council on Oct. 7. She noted she believed, given the current economic climate and a slowdown in the oil sector, that right now is a great time to look at diversification.

She also noted on a provincial level, the province is looking at which region it will develop next for tourism, as a way to take off some of the pressure that is put on the Rocky Mountains. From what she's heard, there will likely be funding and support around tourism.

The work being done at Métis Crossing with the construction of a new Cultural Gathering Centre in the Smoky Lake area was brought up. The centre has an international focus, said Sallstrom. While busloads of people are already being brought to Métis Crossing, they often turn around and head back to Edmonton after visiting. Offering another experience in the north-east area would keep people in the region longer, she explained.

Sallstrom noted that according to surveys and information gathered by various groups, tourists are looking for experiences outside the city limits. Specifically, they are seeking agricultural food and drink experiences, wildlife experiences, winter activities other than snowmobiling, aurora skies, wellness activities, and Indigenous experiences.

While Sallstrom and Janke acknowledged discussions around tourism have taken place in the past, they believe this time, with a committee being put in place, there would be more follow-through and continuity.

During both delegations, Sallstrom and Janke asked for support with a council member sitting on the tourism committee that is being put together.

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Federal Election 2019

Name: Roberta Graham

Party: Veterans Coalition Party of Canada
Hometown: Bonnyville
Occupation: Housewife

What are the top three federal issues facing constituents in the Lakeland Riding?

The top three issues we face here in the Lakeland are oil flow - we need

a pipeline. Our veterans and seniors have been forgotten and our indigenous people still have no clean water. And last but not least is farmers crippled by taxes and regulations.

What do you believe is the right course of action to address these issues?

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Bill C48 and Bill C69 and get to work on that pipeline in to get our oil to the international markets.

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Name: Alain Houle

Party: People's Party of Canada
Home town: Welland, Ontario
Occupation: Powerline Technician ATCO Electric

Top 3 issues with solutions Economy:

Issue - Over the past few years it has become increasingly difficult and expensive for new businesses (small and large) to start up and get established in Canada. Governments really need to get out of the way, allow businesses to be profitable and re-invest in Canada.

Solution - Eliminate Corporate Welfare, stop bailing out failing companies with tax payer and private sector dollars. The government unfairly sup-

ports some companies and picks winner and losers. Reduce Corporate income tax from 15 per cent to 10 per cent, and over the course of one term, abolish capital gains tax from 50 per cent to 0 per cent.

Pipelines:
Issue - Federal governments on both sides (Libs/Cons) have failed to build new pipelines in the past 10 years. Our economy here in Alberta has suffered tremendously. Many have been out of work for years. The Liberal Government has also implemented Bill C-48 and Bill C-69 which makes building pipelines complex and difficult.

Solution - The People's Party will use section 92(10) of the Constitution to impose pipelines on Provinces blocking

the projects. Repeal Bill C-48 and C69. Find a private buyer for TMX pipeline. Withdraw from the Paris Accord on Climate Change and their emission reduction targets.

Budget:
Issue - For every fiscally conservative minded voter, the issue of irresponsible spending by our federal governments is very concerning. Balanced budgets and surpluses are crucial for when economic downturns happen.

Solution - Our party will balance the budget in two years by eliminating Corporate Welfare (\$5B - \$10B), cut Foreign Development Aid (\$5B), defund the CBC (\$1B). We will not make spending promises in order to buy votes.



Name: Robert McFadzean

Party: Libertarian Party of Canada
Hometown: Vermilion
Occupation: Retired college instructor in economics and financial management at Lakeland College in the School of Agriculture

What are the top three federal issues facing constituents in the Lakeland Riding?

Taxation: Governments in Canada take more than 40 per cent out of private sector income. This is a burden for the private sector resulting in a large decrease in capital to start and run businesses, and unemployment for many. This is also an immoral violation of the right to choose what to do with ones own income.

Regulation: The stack of books documenting the legislation for Canada would take take days if not weeks to grind through if you could bear it. This too is a burden for the private sector resulting in difficulty to start and run businesses, and unemployment for many. This is also a violation of the moral right that people have to make peaceful choices.

Money and Banking: Federal legislation allows fractional banking and Bank of Canada purchase of government debt, both of which create money out of thin air with no productive backing. The resultant increase in the supply of money is what causes inflation with the devaluation of money or increases in commodity or asset prices. The consequence is an insidious tax and distor-

tions and problems for businesses. This hurts everybody, but especially the poor among us who can least afford it.

What do you believe is the right course of action to address these issues?

These issues are not specific to the Lakeland Riding. They affect everybody, everywhere. It is not my view that government is responsible for solving our problems or has the capability to do so. History shows that government central planning does not work well. What governments could do is curb the intervention that restricts the private sector which is the true source of peace and prosperity.

The action to take is decrease taxes and regulations. Require banks to maintain 100% reserves and prohibit the



Bank of Canada from financing government debt. What the government does do that is valid is confirm laws against all forms of assault and all forms of theft.

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Name: Shannon Stubbs

Party: Conservative Party of Canada

Hometown: Two Hills

Occupation: Parliamentarian

What are the top three federal issues facing constituents in the Lakeland Riding?

When I was first elected in 2015, the primary concern I heard from people in Lakeland was about the oil and gas sector, but today the top issue is definitely rural crime; residents in Lakeland tell me they feel like sitting ducks. I would say the top issues I've heard from people in Lakeland are escalating rural crime, oil and gas jobs, and affordability and the cost of living increasing and everything getting more expensive.

What do you believe is the right course of action to address these issues?

To deal with crime rates, Conservatives will end the revolving door for criminals and repeat offenders by implementing tougher sentences, particularly for gang and violent crime, and create a Police Infrastructure Grant program to better-equip law enforcement, especially small police forces, with new equipment and technology for fighting crime.

To ensure Canada remains a global leader in responsible resource development, Conservatives will develop a coast-to-coast multi-use corridor specifically set aside for energy infrastructure projects like pipelines. Conservatives would also repeal anti-energy Liberal legislation like Bill C-69 and C-48,

ban foreign-funded anti-energy activists from disrupting Canada's regulatory review process and attempting to block Canadian oil and gas development, and use Section 92(10) of the Constitution to exert federal jurisdiction when necessary.

To make life more affordable so people in Lakeland can get ahead, a Conservative government will scrap the carbon tax and repeal Justin Trudeau's tax hikes on small business investment that penalize saving in businesses and farmers sharing work with families. Conservatives will also provide a universal tax cut that will lower taxes for every Canadian and benefit low income Canadians the most, remove the GST from home heating, make maternity benefits tax free, implement the Children's Fitness, Arts, and Learning tax credits which will have added bene-



fit for children with disabilities, boost the RESP, and increase the Age Credit for seniors by \$1,000.

Name: Jeffrey Swanson

Party: NDP

Occupation: Student

Hometown: Edmonton

What are the top three federal issues facing constituents in the Lakeland Riding?

I would argue that the three biggest issues facing the riding would be climate change, high cost of living and reconciliation. Climate change threatens

all Canadians but it will especially hit Lakeland's agriculture industry hard. With little investment in rural infrastructure, cost of living continues to rise and if will continue if not properly addressed. We also need to make sure that we are living up to our Treaty promises, which many previous governments in Ottawa have failed to deliver. The indigenous people of Lakeland deserve better.

What do you believe is the right course of action to address these issues?

Reconciliation is at the heart of we

what we do here at the NDP, so our solution is to focus all of our policy through a lens of reconciliation to make sure that we put an end to Canada's failures to indigenous people. We'll tackle cost of living by investing in pharma and dental care and capping cell and internet bills among other things. We will also invest in the creation of 300,000 new jobs. We will also make sure that those jobs are sustainable and invest in renewable energy to make Canada net carbon free by 2030.



Election Forum on Thursday

An election forum is being planned for Oct. 17 in St. Paul. Confirmed to attend, according to the St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce is: Roberta Graham with the Veterans Coalition Party of Canada, Alain Houle with the People's Party of Canada, Shannon Stubbs with the Conservative Party of Canada, and Mark Watson with the Liberal Party of Canada.

Jeffrey Swanson with the New Democratic Party declined the invitation to

attend the forum, along with Robert McFadzean of the Libertarian Party of Canada.

Kira Brunner with the Green Party of Canada, did not respond to an invitation to attend the forum, nor did she respond to the St. Paul Journal's request to submit a response for the above pages.

Watson also did not respond to the Journal with a submission.



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EDITORIAL

Decision time across Canada

The televised debates are over, all of the debates getting more heated as they went along, to the point where it was hard to hear the issues for the clutter of everyone talking over each other, despite the best efforts of the moderators.

It isn't going to be easy to sort all that out and make a decision, but perhaps we don't have to. Perhaps we only have to listen to what the candidates on our own ballots have to say. After all, they are the people who are going to represent us in Ottawa, and who will take our issues forward on our behalf.

Elk Point is not hosting a forum, but one is scheduled for Thursday evening in St. Paul, and that would be the time to hear what the candidates in our federal riding have to say about the matters facing our area and our country.

What happens across the rest of the nation on election day is beyond our control, but what happens in this riding is our choice and we should make it carefully and take our decision making seriously. There are seven choices out there, and diverse platforms to choose from.

The right to vote and to choose who will represent us at a federal level is something that those in many less democratic countries envy. They would be grateful to have the right to choose their leadership, and very likely wonder why those of us who have that right often don't exercise it.

Vote as you like, but PLEASE VOTE. Democracy gives us a right we shouldn't ignore.

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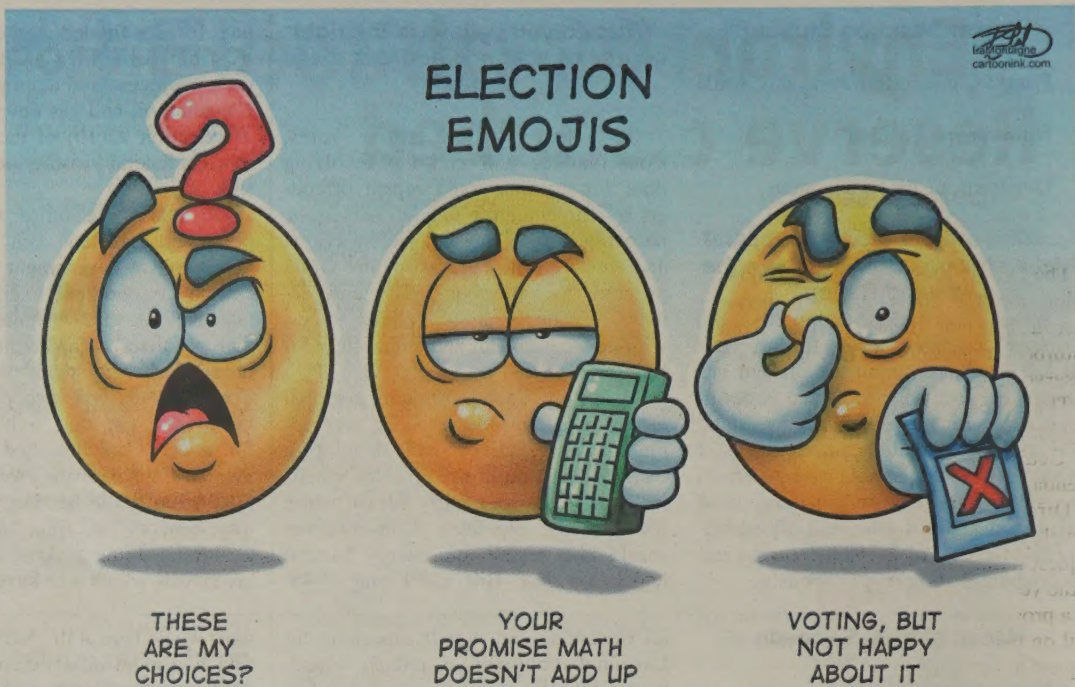
Self-defense class coming soon

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

Calling all women and teens. The Recreation Committee is planning an evening of self-defense. Sensei Calvin Leckie has offered to teach a two-hour self-defense class at no cost! No date has been set yet; it will be on a Wednesday evening. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or the Town website for more information. If you are interested in this event, send me an email, recreation@elkpoint.ca.

Last weekend the Elk Point Hiking Club had two hikes planned. With the temperatures cooperating it made for a perfect weekend to get outside! Marguerite Friesen led a group on the Cold Lake Provincial Park loop, which was 6 km, she said it was a beautiful hike with a carpet of leaves that ended in an ice cream break, a nice little reward. Sherry Oszust lead a group to Kelly Krawchuk's back yard, another beautiful hike with trails made by Mike Krawchuck, she made mention that was how he spends his days off in the summer, building and constantly grooming their trails. At one point in the hike, she pointed out a very large Birch tree that has become a scratching post for a large brown "friend". If you haven't joined the Facebook group please do, all hikes are posted there.

As always, we cannot run events or groups like this if we do not have a Recreation Committee, if you have an extra two hours a month, consider joining us, we'd love to hear your ideas!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Satellite dayhomes, headquarters short list, bird's-eye view

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1984

FCSS Director Kathie Locher announced that safety approved daycare in homelike situations would soon be available in Elk Point, with Elk Point receiving licensing approval for seven day homes, with the possibility of adding more if the demand is shown. Coun. Steve Stepaniuk was sworn in as deputy mayor at the town's organizational meeting.

1989

Eight candidates wee in the running for four hospital board seats in the upcoming election, with incumbent Marvin Bjornstad and George Sanders in Ward 2, Doug Millar and John Wozniak Jr. in Ward 3, Craig Campbell and incumbent Mike Kadutski in Ward 4 and Orest Capjack and incumbent John D, Williams in Ward 7.

1994

Town council and Alberta Power discussed the possibility of moving the power substation to a new location alongside the town's sewer lift station, after Alberta Power accidentally discovered how close the original substation was to the sewer line. A by-election to fill three vacant council seats was put on hold when only one individual filed nomination papers, thus requiring the town to accept nominations each day for six additional days.

1999

Elk Point was one of four communities on the Northern Lights Library System's short list of possible headquarters sites, along with St. Paul, Vermilion and Vegreville. Beautification and the business of the year were on the agenda when a full house of chamber of

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commerce members discussed an in-depth two-year downtown beautification plan, taking 'small' out of the title for the business of the year award to allow all businesses to be nominated, and setting Dec. 10 as the date for Christmas Extravaganza.

2004

Plans for the chamber of commerce Christmas Extravaganza were going full steam ahead, with committee chair Sandy Smith leading a full-scale onslaught on the list of activities and responsibilities to be taken care of. Northern Lights Library System was looking forward to their largest conference ever, with the opening keynote message to be presented by what committee member Connie Forst called "probably one of the biggest library champions Alberta has ever had," Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lois Hole.

2009

Elk Point's proposed 'bird's-eye view' of the community, via a swiveling video camera atop the EcoCentre, came under fire from concerned residents who felt it would invade their privacy, although Bob Bezpalko said it would provide weather information for pilots coming to the local airport and weather and trail conditions for visitors using the Iron Horse Trail. A plebiscite to determine if the County of St. Paul would vote for a reeve at large in the next election was set for Oct. 26.

2014

An Elk Point resident whose roots go all the way back to fort builder and explorer Peter Fidler has been elected as the Zone 2 vice president of the Métis Nation of Alberta. Duane Zaraska, the grandson of Laura and Bill Fidler and a member of the Moose Mountain Fidler family, was sworn in Oct. 4, along with Zone 2 president Karen Collins,. Response to a fundraiser for injured team roper Malcolm 'Mouse' McKenzie and his family was "fantastic," according to planning committee member Faye Poitras. "So many people are offering to help. Mouse knows people all over the world and he has touched a lot of hearts, now everyone wants to say thank you." McKenzie and his family have a long involvement with the Ag Society, team roping and barrel racing groups.

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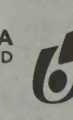
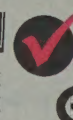


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Environmental Reserve disturbed

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The County of St. Paul will be taking action through fines and remediation after a lake lot owner at Lac Santé disturbed a portion of Environmental Reserve land.

The issue came up during last week's regular County of St. Paul meeting on Oct. 8, as an addition to the day's agenda.

Director of Planning and Development Krystle Fedoretz said a request had come before council earlier in the year, prior to land being purchased by a prospective buyer, asking to build a trail on reserve land. County denied the request at that time.

Recently, a complaint was received by the county, which lead to the discovery that a large portion of Environmental Reserve land has been disturbed in the same area, all the way down to the lake. Trees have been cut and dirt work was also done, heard council.

Councillors asked what the fines were for the infractions. According to the municipality's penalty bylaw, penalties range from a couple hundred dollars, to \$2,500, depending on the infraction.

Coun. Kevin Wirsta asked for clarification regarding when the work was done. Director of Public Works Dan Reid noted he felt the work had been done quite recently.

Coun. Maxine Fodness made a motion to follow the fee schedule and bylaw, which includes directing the owner to restore the ER land to its previous condition by June 1, 2020. The motion was carried.

Streetlight Request

Following break-ins at two subdivisions located at Lac Santé earlier this month, residents have requested more streetlights be installed.

Coun. Maxine Fodness brought the request forward on Tuesday. She noted there aren't many streetlights in the areas requested and lights would go on existing polls.

Coun. Darrell Younghans noted the county has received other requests for streetlights, which were also crime related, but had deferred the requests while work on a streetlight study was being done.

"The residents are feeling very unsafe," said Fodness.

Younghans asked, "What's a streetlight going to do?" and said he felt the request should wait for the streetlight policy to be done.

Council made a motion to defer the request until work is complete on the streetlight policy.

"That's how we've been dealing with streetlight requests," said Younghans.

The streetlight study is complete, but some policy development is still being done around the issue, confirmed interim CAO Tim Mahdiuk, after the meeting.

Following the discussion, Fodness reminded council that the Justice Minister would be coming to St. Paul on Oct. 29 to speak to people about rural crime.

"There will be a lot of people coming out," said Fodness.

Fire Bill

A request to again look at an invoice sent to residents in the Lac Santé area where fire services responded to two separate calls this spring, was filed for information. Council had denied a request to reevaluate the charges at a previous council meeting.

Both fires had been started without a fire permit, and one fire was started during a fire ban. St. Paul Fire responded to both incidents, resulting in the invoice being sent to the owners.

Boat launches

Council passed motions to proceed with disposition and surveying of four boat launches.

During strategic planning, council reviewed the boat launches located in the municipality. Dispositions on most of these boat launches have expired, according to interim CAO Tim Mahdiuk. He noted that the work is done in accordance with requirements from Alberta Environment.

"Information from Alberta Environment and Parks has indicated that if a boat launch falls entirely within a surveyed road allowance, it may not require a disposition," according to Tuesday's agenda package.

Administration recommended hiring Explore Surveys at a cost of \$5,000 per boat launch to be paid from the 2020 budget, to complete the dispositions on the boat launches at Stoney Lake Park, Lac Bellevue (Warren Development); Lower Therien Lake (Crestview), and Garner Lake (Melnchuk subdivision).

A second motion to complete the dispositions on the following boat launches that are situated on the road allowance, if required: Laurier Lake (Blue Bird Beach); Lottie Lake; and Lac Sante.

Tax Relief

A Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative put in place by the province will have little effect on the County of St. Paul. The tax relief initiative will only have an impact of \$294, on a total of four affected properties, reported Mahdiuk.

Tourism

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Janke noted that the focus is on developing tourism in the whole region, and not just around St. Paul.

When asked about any specific tourism draws that would be a focus, Janke noted the Iron Horse Trail being one that's already in place. She said there are a number of cyclists that call to ask about the trail regularly, for example. Sallstrom noted that first, the focus would be on supporting what exists, but also encouraging work in new areas.

When speaking to County of St. Paul council on Tuesday, Sallstrom said those already involved in the initiative don't want the area "to be missed out" if tourism is being developed in the region.

Part of the discussions also involved seeking someone to be the lead on the initiative. Neither Sallstrom or Janke are able to take on the project as a lead, but rather they want to offer it up as an opportunity.

County of St. Paul Interim CAO Tim Mahdiuk also expressed concern about committing a staff member, and discretion would be used when determining how much time is put toward the initiative.

County of St. Paul council appointed Coun. Laurent Amyotte to the committee, and staff member Arlene Shwetz, communications with the County of St. Paul.

Councils were also presented with a draft St. Paul/Elk Point Tourism Initiative Terms of Reference.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Citizen Self Service - Do you want to know your outstanding amount on your Water Bill/Property Taxes/Accounts Receivable or information about your property, assessment or payments? This information is available through Citizen Self Service on the County Website. Click on "Online Services" located in the blue ribbon at the top of the home page. Then, click on Citizen Self-Serve and Register using your Owner Number and Account numbers as shown on your Tax, Utility or Accounts Receivable Invoice. Follow the prompts to set up your login and create a password. You will receive an email almost immediately. Click on the link in the email and the registration is complete. Go back to the Citizen Self Serve Login screen and sign on using your Owner number and password. If you require assistance to set it up, contact Joanne at 780-645-3301, ext 215.

Landfill Sites Winter Hours - Effective November 1 the hours of operation at all Landfill Sites will change to 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All sites are open on Saturday. Mallaig, Vincent Lake, Whitney Lake, and St. Lina are open on Tuesdays as well. Ashmont is open on Tuesdays and Sundays. For additional information visit the County website and click on "What the County Offers". The information is under Waste and Recycling.

Tourism Initiative - Council heard from a delegation of Alberta's Lakeland DMO and the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce that Alberta Tourism is looking for the next area of Alberta to develop to welcome visitors both from Canada and beyond. These two groups, along with NE Alberta HUB are looking to establish a working committee to develop the St. Paul/Elk Point region as a vibrant and welcoming tourism centre in the Lakeland to support the retention and expansion of existing businesses and to encourage tourism entrepreneurship. The County will be participating on this committee to help drive the initiative to grow the tourism industry in the St. Paul Regional and to be part of a larger region.

FCSS Seniors Festival - County of St. Paul Elk Point St. Paul FCSS will be holding their annual Seniors Festival on Friday, November 22 in the Heinsburg Seniors Hall. The day includes Entertainment, Display tables and a catered lunch. Doors open at 10:45 am. To register contact the St. Paul FCSS at 780-645-1950 or the Elk Point FCSS at 780-724-3800.

Strategic Plans - The 2019 Strategic Plan has been updated for the 3rd quarter. Council also approved the overarching plan as well as the Operational Plans for Administration, FCSS, Community Services, Public Works and Communications. The overarching plan outlines the strategies each department will focus on in 2020 and the operations plans outlines how the County will achieve the strategies. The Strategic Plans can be viewed on the County website under Governance.

Fire Permits - Reminder that Fire Permits are required for burning year round.

Funding Support:

- \$250 - Mallaig School - Individual Golf Provincial Championship
- \$1,000 - Regional High School - Boys and Girls Golf Provincials
- \$50,000 - CAP Arena Project, from the 2020 Budget

For more information contact
Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208

Great response for EPE FunDrive

The Value Village on Fort Rd. and 137 Ave. was very excited for Elk Point Elementary School's delivery on Oct. 4. It took employees three hours to unload the 13,677 pounds of goods. This is the biggest FunDrive shipment received by any of the Edmonton and area Value Village stores. The school will be receiving a cheque for \$2,116.71, which includes a \$75 bonus for weighing in over 1,500 lbs. "We could not have done it without the support of our students, parents, staff and surrounding community, including B&R Eckels who donated the use of their 53' trailer and provided the transportation," the organizers say.

"We are very pleased with the response we received on this fundraiser. All funds raised will go towards offsetting costs associated with field trips, swimming lessons, skating and Outdoor Ed Camp."



A banner year!

It was a banner year for the F. G. Miller Junior High Cross Country team, with the boys bringing home the St. Paul Athletic Association Cross Country banner from the rain plagued Sept. 26 run at Ross Lake.

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AND THEY'RE OFF in the Intermediate Boys Cross-Country Zones competition at Ross Lake.

Zone banners

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"Although we had a dry day compared to SPAA, it was cold with a brisk wind coming across the lake (on Wednesday)," said Smid. "Everyone there was looking for the sun to peek out once and a while and to get out of the wind."

At provincials, runners and coaches are expecting a more technical provincial course, "so we will be focusing on getting some longer runs in over the weekend, and some more hill training in preparation for the provincial course," said Smid.

F. G. Miller won the 2A banner with 1113 points, beating the second placed team from JR Robson (747 points) and the third placed team from Kitscoty (503 points).

This year was the second time the Zone championship was held at Ross Lake "and everything went very smoothly," said F. G. Miller coach Jonathan Randall. "The weather wasn't super warm, but definitely could have been much worse."

F. G. Miller was excited to win the 2A Cross Country Banner. This year was the fifth year in a row winning the championship.

"This year we also had 15 of 19 runners qualify for provincials, which is a new high for our school," said Randall.

The 1A banner was won by St. Jerome's (319 points), although Glendon was close in second place with 299 points, and EH Walter came in third place.

Juniors

For the junior girls, Brittney Cole from St. Paul Regional finished in sixth place; Ashlynn Trefenanko finished in seventh; Avery Warawa from F. G. Miller finished in eighth place; Jadey Capjack finished in 11th; Taylor Swegdan finished in 13th; Lexis Ouellette finished in 14th; Piper Babcock finished in 15th; Glendon's Madison Gamblin finished in 16th; and Kiera Dubeau of Mallaig School finished in 18th. Each of the athletes will have the chance to compete at provincials.

For the boys' junior category, the highest placing local athlete was F. G. Miller's Jaden Van Maarion, finishing in ninth place. Jack Malo from St. Paul Regional came in 12th; followed by Regional's Bryson Shirt in 13th place; F. G. Miller's Kobe Warawa in 14th place; Christian Jovero from St. Paul Regional in 15th place; Keith Stuparyk from F. G. Miller came in 16th and Karson Mckenzie from F. G. Miller

came in 17th place. Lucas Dubelt of New Myrnam School grabbed the last spot at provincials, finishing in 18th place.

Intermediates

In the intermediate girls' category, St. Paul Regional High School stood out. Denver Graling finished in first place in the category, while Alanna Roeder came in fourth; Paityne Chartrand finished in fifth; and Mikayla Smyl finished in sixth place in the same category. Glendon's Abby Langevin also broke the top 10 in the girls' intermediate race; along with F. G. Miller's Rhianna Bjorkman who finished in ninth.

Mallaig athletes Brooke Dechaine and Ry-Anne Dechaine also grabbed spots at provincials, finishing in 12th and 13th place, respectively. F. G. Miller's Mykaela Verenka finished in 15th; Shelby Curry from Mallaig finished in 17th; and Sam O'Reilly from New Myrnam School finished in 18th place.

For the boys' intermediate category, the highest finishing local was St. Paul Regional's Davis Warren in 12th place. Liam Ludlage from F. G. Miller wasn't far behind, finishing in 13th place, followed by teammate Mathew Quinney in 14th.

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to compete at provincials, thanks to a 17th place finish from Jarvis Jackson. F. G. Miller athlete Devon Nazarchuk grabbed the last spot for provincials, finishing in 18th place in the category.

Seniors

For the Senior girls' race, Glendon School's Janelle Tran was the fastest local athlete, finishing in seventh place. St. Paul Regional athlete Hannah Faucher wasn't far behind though, finishing in eighth; followed by teammates Brooke Kotowich in 10th place, Cameron Kuzma in 12th place, Jaynna Gogowich in 13th place, and Kaylee Krawchuck in 15th place.

Two Hills' Sasah Fox finished in 14th place; while F. G. Miller's Tennille Ballas finished in 18th for the last spot at provincials.

On the boys' side, Dustin Dubrule grabbed a respectable fourth place finish Regional. Glendon's Jessie Lotsberg finished in 10th; St. Paul Regional's Blake Gratton finished in 15th; and F. G. Miller's Hank Rogal finished in 18th place.

PARA

St. Paul Regional also had an athlete compete in the PARA category, Shawn Lysons. He was the only PARA entry to run on Wednesday.

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